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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Heeia / Pali, Formerly Used Defense Site, Oahu, Hawaii

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project for the Commanding General's visit to the Congressional delegation.

2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. The Former Heeia Combat Training Area (CTA)/Pali Training Camp (TC) are situated in the Windward portion of Oahu Island, Hawaii. The Heeia CTA includes approximately 200 acres in Heeia Kea which supported 4,500 troops before being dismantled in 1945. The site included ammunition storage facilities, pistol and rifle ranges, and grenade ranges, and obstacle and bayonet ranges. The Heeia CTA also includes former maneuver and impact areas within Waihee and Kaalaea Valleys, Kahaluu. This covers approximately 2,254 acres.

b. The former Pali TC is primarily situated in the Maunawili area of Kailua, Oahu. The total area comprises approximately 4,400 acres that was released by the U.S. military after ordnance clean up in 1945. The area was used as a regimental combat team training center supporting 5,000 men. The primary area of concern consists of approximately 1,500 acres at the base of the Pali in Maunawili Valley that was formerly established as an artillery impact area. Several ordnances have been reported to local police/fire departments during the years after World War II.

c. Extensive portions of the project area pose a potential unexploded ordnance health and safety risk to the public. The Heeia Kea portion of the project is proposed by the City and County of Honolulu to be developed into a Native Hawaiian cultural park as well as situated within a densely populated urban area. Waihee and Kaalaea valleys in Kahaluu border developing residential neighborhoods and are heavily utilized for farming/gardening purposes. The former impact area of Maunawili Valley is a heavily utilized hiking and recreational area.

d. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the site was eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program/Formerly Used Defense Site (DERP/FUDS) in 1994. An Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) was initiated at the site during FY02 for \$1.6 million. Field investigations for the EE/CA started in April 2003. Field investigations in the Heeia Kea and Kahaluu portions of the project were completed during 2003. Field investigations in the Maunawili area have been delayed awaiting rights-of-entry from the State of Hawaii. It is anticipated that fieldwork in this portion of the project may commence in August 2004. Thus far, no definite risk to human health and safety and the environment from unexploded ordnance has been identified.

e. The Honolulu District has established a project Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) and has conducted several public information meeting for the project. The RAB has participated in

the development of the project EE/CA work plan for prioritizing and completing field assessments for the location and potential health and safety risk to the public and the environment for the project. Consultation and coordination with area Native Hawaiian cultural groups, Neighborhood Boards, and the City and County of Honolulu were completed.

f. The initial project Cost to Complete (CTC) for the Heeia Combat Training Camp is \$26.7 million while that for the Pali Training Camp is \$19.5 million for a total project CTC of \$46.2 million. All Honolulu District activities are subject to the availability of funds in DERP FUDS. It is not anticipated that funding for the Honolulu District's program shall exceed a maximum of \$15 million to \$20 million per program year for the foreseeable future. This would include all DERP/FUDS properties within the Pacific Ocean region (Hawaii, Guam, Northern Marianas, American Samoa, and island possessions).

3. Congressional Interest. The entire Hawaii Congressional delegation has thus far been advised of the importance of complete FUDS funding and they have been very supportive of the progress in the Pacific region